

News Release

U of M Crookston Campus "A Summer Place" for Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni; Reunion Scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 25-26, 2010

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Alumni from the Northwest School of Agriculture will come back for their annual reunion on Friday and Saturday, June 25-26, 2010, at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. The theme for this year's reunion is "A Summer Place" and honors the classes of '25, '30, '35, '40, '45, '50, '55, '60, and '65. The annual reunion is hosted by the Office of Development & Alumni Relations on the Crookston campus.

Registration for the reunion takes place in the Northern Lights Lounge in the Sargeant Student Center beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 25. Highlights of this year's NWSA Alumni Reunion include a fish fry in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center on Friday evening followed by a social and dance.

Events for the following day, Saturday, June 26, include tours of campus, a slide presentation on campus history, a picnic-style lunch in Bede Ballroom, and a special program featuring the music of Fallcreek Quartet and a video presentation in the Kiehle Auditorium. In the evening, the Top Aggie Awards banquet program will conclude the reunion weekend.

The Top Aggie award recognizes outstanding achievement by alumni over a lifetime and is the highest award given by the Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni Association. This year's Top Aggies are Clifford Steinhauer from the Class of 1948, and Terry and Bette (Hovet) Nelson and Terry Stadstad, all members of the Class of 1960.

The alumni reunion, first held in 1918, brings back alumni from the Northwest School of Agriculture, a residential high school located on what is now the University of Minnesota, Crookston campus. The NWSA opened its doors in 1906 and graduated its first class of 8 students in 1909. The campus educated students for 60 years, and during its last two years of operation, the campus transitioned to a two-year technical college, known as the University of Minnesota Crookston Technical Institute. In 1993, the campus transitioned again to offer baccalaureate degrees and became the first-ever laptop university in the nation.

For more information on the upcoming alumni reunion, contact Corby Kemmer, director, Development & Alumni Relations, at 218-281-8434 (ckemmer@umn.edu).

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers more than 25 bachelor's degree programs and 50 concentrations, including several online degrees, in agriculture and natural resources; arts, humanities and social sciences; business; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,300 undergraduates, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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